

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-2 as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1. (Currently amended) A circuit comprising:

a plurality of interconnected logic blocks (~~100, 200, 300~~);

a main clock generator for distributing a reference clock signal (~~elk_ref~~) to the logic blocks;

at least one local clock generator (~~110, 210, 310~~) in each logic block for generating a respective set of synchronized local clock signals (~~elk1_phi1, elk2_phi2~~) from the reference clock signal for further provision to respective elements (~~120, 130~~) of the logic block;

wherein a set of local clock signals of a first block is phase shifted relative to a set of local clock signals of a second block.

2. (Currently amended) The circuit of claim 1, wherein the first and second blocks communicate via a one-way data path (400).

3. (Original) The circuit of claim 2, wherein the first block comprises a first logic cell configured to write data onto the one-way data path on a rising edge of one of the local clock signals of the first block provided at an enable input of the first logic cell and the second block comprises a second logic cell configured to read the written data from the one-way data path on a rising edge of one of the local clock signals of the second block provided at an enable input of the second logic cell.

4. (Original) The circuit of claim 2, wherein the first block comprises a first logic cell configured to write data onto the one-way data path on a rising edge of one of the local clock signals of the first block provided at an enable input of the first logic cell and the second block comprises a second logic cell configured to read the written data from the one-way data path on a falling edge of the reference clock signal provided at an enable input of the second logic cell.

5. (Original) The circuit of claim 1, further comprising at least two additional blocks that communicate via a two-way data bus and wherein respective sets of local clock signals of the at least two additional logic blocks are synchronized with each other.